GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES OF SBM
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Super Bazar Management is not paying salary to its employees;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) the number of such officials who are yet to receive their salaries and the amount which the management is to pay to them as on 31-12-2002;

(d) the time by which and manner in which Government propose to make the payment of dues to these employees; and

(e) the manner in which the Government propose to utilise manpower engaged in Super Bazar and where these officials are likelyto be deployed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a) to (c): The Super Bazar has been wound up by theorder of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, on 5.7.2002. The services of employees come to an end with the winding up of any society. In order to protect the interest of outgoing employees, a Voluntary Separation Scheme was offered by the OfficialLiquidator to all the outgoing employees. The employees who have opted the Voluntary Separation Scheme have been paid their terminalbenefits and arrear salaries upto 30/9/2002, from the funds released by the Government as loans to Super Bazar. The Super Bazar have no financial resources to meet the salary liabilities, of the remaining employees, after the said date.

(d) : The Super Bazar is a Multi StateCooperative Society registered under the Multi State Cooperative SocietiesAct, 1984. As per the provisions of Rules 12 of Multi State Cooperative Societies Rules 1985 "No Multi-State Cooperative Society with limited liability shall accept deposits or loans by any other way incur liability exceeding 10 times the sum of the paid up share capital plus accumulated reserves minus any losses." Further more during the liquidation, the liability of Society cannot be increased. The dues of employees will be paid by the Super Bazar as and when the employees will produce their No Demand Certificate to the Liquidator.

(e) : Being a cooperative society, the Government have no obligation to deploy the manpower of Super Bazar after their separation from the services.